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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: WAVEGUIDE IN A PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD AND METHOD OF FORMING THE SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method comprising:
forming a trench in a substrate;
providing at least one metalized surface along said trench; and
applying a bonding surface having a metalized capping surface to said substrate such
that said metalized capping surface is located over said trench having said at least one
metalized surface.